

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 080226

15

ORIGIN AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 EUR-12 IO-11 ISO-00 SCS-03 DHA-02 DPW-01

SCA-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 SAM-01 /084 R

DRAFTED BY AF/C:PDOUBLEDAY:JDP

APPROVED BY AF :TRBUCHANAN

SCA/SCS:STUCKER

D/HA/PW SIEVERTS

L/SCA:RDALTON

----- 037758

O R 022350Z APR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 080226

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, CG, AO

SUBJECT: AMERICAN MERCENARIES REPORTED CAPTURED IN ANGOLA

REF: GENEVA 1732 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MPLA MINISTER OF JUSTICE
ANNOUNCED APRIL 1 THAT 13 MERCENARIES -- TWO AMERICANS,
TEN BRITONS, AND ONE ARGENTINIAN -- WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED
ON NORTHERN FRONT WOULD BE TRIED PUBLICLY. TRIAL IS TO
BE HELD BEFORE AN "INTERNATIONAL JURY" COMPOSED OF INDI-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 080226

VIDUALS FROM ABOUT 30 COUNTRIES. FINAL VERDICT WILL BE

HANDED DOWN BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANGOLANS AFTER CONSIDERATION
OF JURY'S RECOMMENDATION. TRIAL WILL BE HELD SOON,
ALTHOUGH DATE NOT YET SET. ACCUSED WILL BE PERMITTED
FOREIGN DEFENSE COUNSEL.

2. REPORTS IDENTIFIED AMERICANS AS DANIEL F. GEARHART
AND GEORGE ACKER AND THE ARGENTINIAN AS GUSTAVO MARCELO
GRILLO, WHO IS NO DOUBT THE SAME AS THE GUSTAVO GRILLO
WHO WAS EARLIER REPORTED TO BE ONE OF THE FOUR AMERICANS
MISSING IN ANGOLA AND WHO WAS BORN IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. NO MENTION MADE OF GEORGE BACON, THE FOURTH MISSING
AMERICAN.

4. REQUEST MISSION ASK ICRC TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVE
IN LUANDA SEEK TO VISIT GEARHART AND ACKER TO ASCERTAIN
TREATMENT THEY ARE RECEIVING AND TO INQUIRE RE FATE OF
BACON; OR, IF VISIT CANNOT BE ARRANGED, TO REPORT
WHATEVER FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE. SINCE IT
APPEARS GRILLO WISHES TO CONCEAL HIS AMERICAN NATION-
ALITY FROM MPLA, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR
ICRC REP NOT REPEAT NOT TO INQUIRE SPECIFICALLY RE
GRILLO, ALTHOUGH HE MAY NEVERTHELESS BE ABLE TO LEARN
HOW GROUP IN GENERAL INCLUDING GRILLO, IS BEING
TREATED. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARRESTS, MERCENARIES, POLITICAL TRIALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE080226
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PDOUBLEDAY:JDP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760125-0394
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t197604102/aaaadjlu.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 GENEVA 1732
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 MAY 2004 by woolflhd>; APPROVED <10 SEP 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMERICAN MERCENARIES REPORTED CAPTURED IN ANGOLA
TAGS: CASC, CG, AO, NG, US, (GEARHART, DANIEL), (ACKER, GARY)
To: GENEVA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006